

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A reaction product of ~~specific mixtures~~ a mixture of long-chain fatty acids and at least one aliphatic ~~diamines~~ diamine, wherein the reaction product ~~having has~~ an alkali number of < 10 and an acid number of < 15.
2. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ratio of ~~mixtures~~ the mixture of long-chain fatty acids to the at least one aliphatic ~~diamines~~ diamine is 2 to 1.
3. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the ~~specific mixture~~ of long-chain fatty acids further comprises
 - 0-7% by weight of myristic acid
 - 0-85% by weight of palmitic acid
 - 0-85% by weight of stearic acid
 - 0-10% by weight of oleic acid
 - 0-90% by weight of 12-hydroxystearic acid, andwhere the sum is always 100% by weight.
4. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the mixture of long-chain fatty acids further comprises
 - 0-7% by weight of myristic acid
 - 34-64% by weight of palmitic acid
 - 64-45% by weight of stearic acid
 - 0-10% by weight of oleic acid, andwhere the sum is always 100% by weight.
5. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein the mixture of long-chain fatty acids further comprises
 - 0-5% by weight of myristic acid
 - 40-60% by weight of palmitic acid

60-40% by weight of stearic acid, and
0-5% by weight of oleic acid,
where the sum is always 100% by weight.

6. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of~~
~~claims 1 to 5, wherein claim 1, further comprising at least one~~ natural or synthetic
fatty acids ~~acid~~ are present as constituents.

7. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of~~
~~claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, wherein the at least one aliphatic diamine is ethylenediamine ~~is~~
~~used as aliphatic diamine.~~

8. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of~~
~~claims 1 to 7 in which claim 1, further comprising at least one~~ saturated or and/or
unsaturated dicarboxylic acids ~~are present~~ acid or a mixture thereof.

9. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of~~
~~claims 1 to 8~~ claim 8, wherein the ratio of the mixture ~~mixtures of~~ long-chain
carboxylic acids fatty acids to the at least one aliphatic diamines ~~diamine~~ to the at
least dicarboxylic acids ~~acid~~ is (1.8-1.98):1.0:(0.1-0.01).

10. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of~~
~~claims 8 to 9~~ claim 8, wherein the sum of the carboxyl functionality is always 2.

11. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of~~
~~claims 8 to 10, wherein claim 1, having~~ an alkali number of < 10 and an acid number
of < 15 ~~are set.~~

12. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of~~
~~claims 8 to 11~~ claim 8, wherein the mixture of long-chain fatty acids further comprises
0-7% by weight of myristic acid

20-85% by weight of palmitic acid
85-45% by weight of stearic acid, and
0-10% by weight of oleic acid,
where the sum is always 100% by weight.

13. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 8 to 12~~claim 8, wherein the mixture of long-chain fatty acids further comprises
0-5% by weight of myristic acid
20-80% by weight of palmitic acid
80-20% by weight of stearic acid, and
0-10% by weight of oleic acid,
where the sum is always 100% by weight.

14. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 8 to 13~~claim 8, wherein the at least aliphatic diamine ~~component used is~~ ethylenediamine in combination with linear and/or cycloaliphatic diamines.

15. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 8 to 14~~claim 8, wherein the at least one aliphatic diamine further combination comprises
from 50 to 100% by weight of ethylenediamine and
from 0 to 50% by weight of linear and/or cycloaliphatic diamines.

16. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 8 to 15~~claim 8, wherein the at least one aliphatic diamine further combination comprises
from 95 to 99.99% by weight of ethylenediamine and
from 0.01 to 5% by weight of linear and/or cycloaliphatic diamines.

17. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 8 to 16~~claim 8, wherein the at least one aliphatic diamine component used is

ethylenediamine in combination with ~~linear or cycloaliphatic diamines such as hexamethylenediamine, or tricyclodecanediamine or mixtures thereof.~~

18. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 8 to 17~~claim 8, wherein the mixture of long-chain fatty acids further comprises

- 0-7% by weight of myristic acid
- 0-85% by weight of palmitic acid
- 0-85% by weight of stearic acid
- 0-10% by weight of oleic acid, and
- 0-90% by weight of 12-hydroxystearic acid,

where the sum is always 100% by weight.

19. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a reaction products-product as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 18, wherein~~claim 1, comprising the step of setting an alkali number of < 10 and an acid number of < 15 are set for the reaction products for the reaction product.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~The use of reaction products as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 18 as modifiers for~~A method for modifying bitumen comprising the step of adding a reaction product as claimed in claim 1 to the bitumen.

21. (New) Bitumen made in accordance with the method of claim 20.